

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, and 11 are the independent claims. Claims 1-3 and 8-12 were previously withdrawn. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Entry of Amendment After Final Rejection

Entry of the Amendment is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 because the Amendment: a) places the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; b) does not present any additional claims without canceling the corresponding number of final rejected claims; and/or c) places the application in better form for an appeal, if an appeal is necessary. Specifically, in this Amendment Applicant amends the specification to include a definition for the term “number average polystyrene-equivalent molecular weight,” as requested by the Examiner. Entry of the Amendment is thus respectfully requested.

Previous Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 4-7 were previously rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner has requested a definition of the term “number average polystyrene-equivalent molecular weight,” such that a person of ordinary skill in the art would know the meets and bounds of the invention. Applicant amends the instant written disclosure in order to provide this definition. Applicant therefore believes that claims 4-7 are definite as they particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject

matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §112 be withdrawn.

Current Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 4-7 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

For at least the reasons stated above, Applicant believes that the claims are definite as they particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §112 be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,
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